GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of the road work from Hindupur to Pilligundla (Rolla Mandal) of Ananthapur District against Sri G. Ravi, the then DEE, PIU, SD, Penukonda, Ananthapur District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Imposition of penalty of stoppage of "one increment without cumulative effect" – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 303 **Dated: 08-06-2020.**

Read the following:-

1. General Administration Vigilance Report No.68 (464/V&E/E1/2011) dated:23-04-2014.
2. G.O.Rt.No.109, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt: 03.02.2015.
3. Written Statement of Defence of Sri G. Ravi, the then DEE, PR, PIU, Penukonda, Anantapur District Dt:16-04-2015.
4. G.O.Rt.No.815, PR&RD(Vig.II)Dept.,Dt:20-08-2015.
5. From Smt. K. Padmaja, Chief Engineer, PR, Lr.No.Enquiry Reports /Pilligundla Road/ATP Dt:29-01-2018.
6. Govt. Memo No.9085/Vig.II/2014-12, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., Dt:17-09-2018.
7. Representation of Sri G. Ravi, the then DEE, PR, PIU, Penukonda, Ananthapur District dt:04-12-2018.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the following charge was framed against Sri G. Ravi, the then DEE, PR Division, PIU, Penukonda, Ananthapur District, now working in DWMA, Kurnool on deputation under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, on allegations of irregularities in execution of the road work from Hindupur to Pilligundla (Rolla Mandal) of Ananthapur District taken up by Panchayat Raj Engineering Department under PMGSY Phase-VI.

Charge-1: The said Sri G. Ravi, formerly DEE (PR) PIU SD Penukonda, Anantapur, now working in DWMA, Kurnool on deputation, has committed irregularities in execution of the road work from Hindupur to Pilligundla Via Kethepalli, Manuru and Y.B. Halli, taken up under PMGSY Phase-VI (Rolla Mandal). He checked measured and recommended for payment for the item of work OGPC in Km 3.0 to 4/0, 5/0 to 6/0, 11/0 to 12/0, 14/0 to 15/0, 18/0 to 19/0, 24/0 to 25/0, 25/0 to 26/0, 29/0 to 30/0, 32/0 to 32/500 which was not executed as per the agreement specifications, without proper verification and assessment of quality of work and the deficiency in B.T. content is observed more than 15% and liable for rejection. Rejected value of work is Rs.29,51,700/-. He failed to discharge his legitimate duties and violated Rule 3 of APCS Conduct Rules, 1964.

Charge-2: The said Sri G. Ravi, formerly DEE (PR) PIU SD Penukonda, Anantapur, now working in DWMA, Kurnool on deputation has committed irregularities in execution of the road work from Hindupur to Pilligundla (Rolla Mandal). The slab culverts 32/0 and CC pavements 31/6 to 31/8 executed with substandard quality without proper verification and assessment of quality of work and liable for rejection. Rejected value of work is Rs.8,89,672/-. He failed to discharge his legitimate duties and violated Rule 3 of APCS Conduct Rule, 1964.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence.

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3. After examining the matter, in the reference 4th read above, Smt. K. Padmaja, Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj was appointed as Enquiry Officer, for conducting detailed enquiry into the charges framed against Sri G. Ravi, then the DEE, Penukonda, Anantapur District.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted her enquiry report, holding that the charge is not proved against charged officer. Government, after examining the said enquiry report, have decided to disagree with the findings of Enquiry Officer and accordingly communicated the following disagreement factors along with a copy of the enquiry report to charged officer, as required under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A)Rules, 1991 and he has directed to submit his representation on the enquiry report and the disagreement factors vide reference 6th read above.

> "A perusal of the enquiry report of Enquiry Officer indicates that the Enquiry Officer has not analysed and assessed the documentary evidence available on the record for the charged officer. She has not given any clear findings on charges in her report much less on each of the charge against the charged officer whether it is proved or not.
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> On the other hand, she has given general findings. Under points 1 and 4 of her findings, she stated that the deficiencies pointed out on the road by V&E were rectified by the Contractor at his own cost, that the results of QC tests conducted by the department officials subsequently were within permissible limits, and that an amount of Rs.13,53,090/- was recovered from the Contractor as per V&QC, Kadapa and V&E reports. Under points 5,6 and 7, enclosing the photos of the existing road after rectification, she reported that the road was made traffic worthy and handed over to R&B Department, in traffic worthy condition and they have certified the same. Points 2 and 3 of her findings are not relevant to the charges framed against the charged officer.
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> The above findings by the Enquiry Officer clearly indicate that the Enquiry Officer has not enquired into the charges i.e., alleged irregularities said to have been committed by the Charged Officer on check measuring and recommending for payment for the items of work OGPC in Km 3.0 to 4/0, 5/0 to 6/0, 11/0 to 12/0, 14/0 to 15/0, 18/0 to 19/0, 24/0 to 25/0, 25/0 to 26/0, 29/0 to 30/0, 32/0 to 32/500 as well as the slab culverts 32/0 and CC pavements 31/6 to 31/8 which were not executed as per agreement specifications. These works were executed with substandard quality and the charged officer has recommended for payment without proper verification and assessment of quality of works was Rs.29,51,700/- and Rs.8,89,672/- respectively. But the enquiry officer has embarked herself on considering the aspect of rectification of the deficiencies pointed out by V&E and QC wing i.e., beyond the period under consideration for the Article of Charge and concluded that the charge is not proved based on the road worthy certificate issued by R&B on 13-9-2017. This conclusion has no logic in it.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the charged officer has submitted his representation on the enquiry report and the disagreement factors mentioned in the reference 6th read above, stated among other things that, based on SQM report, they have recommended payment for OGPC layer duly recovering the amount proposed by the QC wing as there is no lab equipment available in Sub-Division. The deficiencies pointed out by the V&E Officials were rectified by the Contractor at his own cost and the results of tests conducted by the departmental officials subsequently were within permissible limits and an amount of Rs.13,53,090/- was also recovered from the Contractor as per V&QC and V&E reports. As per Inquiry Officer report, the article of charges are not proved. Hence, he requested to exonerate him from the article of charges and to drop further action.

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6. Government after examining the matter and the explanation submitted by Sri G. Ravi, the then DEE, PR Division, PIU, Penukonda, Ananthapur District, keeping in view of findings of Inquiring Authority, have observed that the Charged Officer is responsible 100% presence during major items such as desk slabs, 50% presence in case of other items and at least of 50% of the tests verified by him, hence it is decided to impose minor penalty of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against him.

7. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to impose a penalty of stoppage of "one increment without cumulative effect" under APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 against Sri G. Ravi, the then DEE, PR Division, PIU, Penukonda, Ananthapur District.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Sri G. Ravi, the then DEE, PR Division, PIU, Penukonda, Anantapur District now working in DWMA, Kurnool on deputation
(through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada.
(with a request to serve and furnish the dated acknowledgement immediately)
Copy to:
The Secretary to VC., A.P.Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The General Administration (V&E) Dept., PNB stand, Vijayawada.
(w.r.t. No.68 (464/V&E/E1/2011) dated:23-04-2014)
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Dept.
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